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### Intelligence activity

To The Christian Science Monitor:

The disclosure of CIA attempts to bribe Singapore Prime Minister Lee, highlighted by Le Pelley's cartoon of little Willie (CIA) with his hand in the Singapore cookie jar, was a distressing illustration of mismanagement of the intelligence function.

Anyone with the slightest knowledge of the Lee government knows it is almost entirely corruption free—standing out like a beacon in this respect among all other Asian governments. How could an intelligence agency of the United States Government (whose job after all is to know such facts) be so unaware as to attempt such a bribe?

Discussions by Monitor correspondents on the general problem of trying to run a secret intelligence activity within the framework of a democratic government were very helpful. As a former Foreign Service Officer, I am in a position to confirm the statement reported by your correspondent that ambassadors overseas are sometimes unaware of CIA activities in their country, although this situation is probably much less frequent now than a few years ago. My own feeling has been for some years that a special congressional watchdog committee should be set up to check on CIA activities. I hope that Congressman Zablocki will carry through his plan to hold hearings on the Singapore bribe case and to try to set up such a committee.

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